



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Police and Fire Commission

Thursday, September 15, 2022

6:00 PM

West Allis Police Department
11301 W. Lincoln Ave.

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Manthei called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Amy Heron, Mark Manthei, Lev Baldwin, Danielle Romain and Kurt Kopplin

Also Present: Fire Chief Mason Pooler, Firefighter Quinn Dombrowski - Fire Department; Deputy Chief Robert Fletcher - Police Department; Bridget Morawetz, Recording Secretary

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the August 18, 2022 Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Baldwin and seconded by Commissioner Romain to approve the August 18, 2022 regular and closed session meeting minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Baldwin, Romain and Kopplin
Nay: 0

D. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Operations Division Report

Chief Pooler reviewed and highlighted items contained within AC Scharfenberg's report as well as reviewed the included benchmarks for August.

He was specific to note that the amount of road construction taking place in West Allis created a challenge as many normal traffic routes are closed. Another challenge in August was State Fair traffic and on-site demands of the department.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

2. EMS Bureau Report

Chief Pooler presented DC Novak's EMS Bureau report for August. He reviewed the highlighted calls included in this report calling out the quick turnaround on a patient experiencing a stroke. Chief Pooler stated that the arrival, patient care and in route to the hospital timeframe met the benchmark of fewer than 15 minutes.

The Commissioners had no other questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

3. EMS Revenue Report

Chief Pooler stated that EMS revenue continues to run above the budgeted numbers, and he expects revenue collection to continue at a high level thru the end of the year.

The Commissioners had no other questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

4. Training Bureau Report

Chief Pooler stated that as State Fair was the main focus in August, training exercises were very limited during the first half of the month. He noted that afterwards, the training bureau focused on OEM education and exercises on proper techniques for carrying and raising ladders.

The Commissioner had not other questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

5. QPR Performance Report - August

Chief Pooler did not speak to anything contained in this report and it was placed on file.

6. Community Risk Reduction/Support Services Division Report

Chief Pooler did not speak to anything contained in this report and there were no additional questions or comments.

The report was placed on file.

7. Fire Prevention Bureau Report

Chief Pooler noted that State Fair, as expected, took up a majority of fire prevention's time in August. He stated that the bureau inspects over 200 permanent and temporary vendors stations, daily inspections of the grandstand and many other operational inspections throughout the 11-day event.

Chief Pooler thanked the West Allis FF Charities for the donation of \$500 worth of smoke/CO detectors.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

8. Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Bureau Report

Chief Pooler stated that MIH LT Williams attended a community event in Milwaukee with the goal to provide information and support options for families affected by overdose and/or experiencing addiction struggles.

He stated that LT Williams was interviewed by Spectrum News 1 regarding the opioid epidemic as well.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

9. Fire Department Financial Report

Chief Pooler did not speak to anything contained in this report and it was placed on file.

10. Master Plan Performance Snapshot

Chief Pooler did not speak to anything contained in this report and it was placed on file.

11. Request for approval: Reinstatement of Firefighter

Chief Pooler requested approval to reinstate a firefighter who had recently resigned from the department to take a firefighter position with Franklin Fire.

He stated that after a conversation with HR, the reinstatement would be considered a lateral transfer and he would start at Step 2 firefighter pay. Chief Pooler noted that his seniority level would reset however, and vacation would be at the new hire level as well.

Chief Pooler stated that he was re-interviewed by the Command Staff and all were on board with reinstatement.

Chief Pooler asked if the Commission board would like to re-interview him as well and all board members agreed that that would not be necessary.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kopplin and seconded by Commissioner Romain to approve the reinstatement of the firefighter as presented by Chief Pooler.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Baldwin, Romain and Kopplin

Nay: 0

12. Consideration for approval: Promotion to Battalion Chief

Chief Pooler stated that over the past year, the department has had three Captain's in the Acting Battalion Chief role and at this time, Ct. Paider has expressed interest in taking on the role of Battalion Chief. Chief Pooler stated that Ct. Paider has been with the department for 20 years; is a nurse at the Grafton hospital and teaches part-time at MATC.

Chief Pooler stated that Ct. Paider will be available to meet with the Commissioners at the November PFC meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baldwin and seconded by Commissioner Romain to move forward with the consideration of promotion for Ct. Paider.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Baldwin, Romain and Kopplin

Nay: 0

E. POLICE DEPARTMENT

13. Communication: Safer Communities LEA Grant MOU

Deputy Chief Robert Fletcher stated that the department received ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds along with a MOU on how the funds can be spent. He noted that the department is working on a tentative list within the provided guidelines to include funding of the next K-9 team and SWAT team gear.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

14. Request for purchase approval: Six (6) Ford Police Interceptor Utility SUV's

Deputy Chief Fletcher stated that the department worked with purchasing, finance and the National Auto Fleet Group to secure these cars as well as the necessary funding to purchase these vehicles.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kopplin and seconded by Commissioner Manthei to approve this purchase request as presented by DC Fletcher.

The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 5, Commissioners Heron, Manthei, Baldwin, Romain and Kopplin
Nay: 0

15. Police Department Financial Reports

DC Fletcher did not speak to anything contained in the financial reports and they were placed on file.

16. Monthly Performance Report

DC Fletcher highlighted the following information contained in this report:

- Active shooter training - went well but continued training will be an ongoing requirement;
- 2022 State Fair - noted that overall, the 11-days went very well. He noted that outside the fair, there were very little problems, however, the carnival area was challenging, and the State Fair Police required back-up assistance from WAPD throughout the fair in this area;
- Neighborhood partnership meetings have resumed;
- The continued success of Flock cameras and the use of them going forward.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

17. Patrol Activity Report

DC Fletcher spoke briefly to an incident that occurred in mid-August. He stated that upon recognition of a vehicle previously identified in a recent Speedway robbery, officer's arrested two suspects in connection with that robbery as well as miscellaneous other charges to include eluding an officer and obstruction.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

18. Communications Activity Report

DC Fletcher did not speak to anything contained in the Communications Activity report and it was placed on file.

19. Community Services Bureau Report

DC Fletcher did not speak to anything contained in the Community Services Bureau report and it was placed on file.

20. Criminal Investigations Unit Activity Report

DC Fletcher did not speak to anything contained in the Criminal Investigations Activity report and it was placed on file.

21. Tavern Violations Report

DC Fletcher did not speak to anything contained in the Tavern Violations report and it was placed on file.

22. Training Report

DC Fletcher stated that the department has several new officers in various stages of training and that each step presents a new challenge for these younger officers. He went on to explain that the department is dedicated to ensuring that all officers are trained to the standards and expectations of WAPD.

The Commissioners had no additional questions or comments and the report was placed on file.

F. POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

23. PFC Financial Report

There were no additional questions or comments on this report and it was placed on file.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.



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